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### Which Way to the Final Frontier?

Ok here's the pitch: I'll use this column to tell you what's on my mind, and you use this email address to tell me what's on yours: [president@mmba.org](mailto:president@mmba.org). This is **your** MMBA, and I see my job as trying to mold all your hopes and concerns into a coherent vision. The Board and I will work out a plan of action, and then it's up to all of us to make it happen.

When mountain biking first came to Michigan, it exploded into a vacuum, especially on state land. We learned that trail users were flying under the radar of the DNR. There was no plan in place, and no sense of the scope of the issue. The MMBA formed when the DNR proposed to make the problem of mountain biking go away by banning it on state land. We dodged that bullet, and the ensuing years were very productive ones. Despite rough spots, hundreds of miles of singletrack are bike-legal in our state recreation areas, state parks, and even state game areas. Thanks to the combined efforts of the local managers, the MMBA, and our fellow stakeholder groups, the **quality** of those miles is constantly rising

But for several years, there has been little change in the **quantity** of those miles. Yes, there has been an official moratorium on new trails, where the DNR has cited issues ranging from the environment and social conflicts to liability and logistics. But the depressing reality is that the Golden Age of trail building on state land may be over for the foreseeable future. It's about the economy, and the news isn't good. The DNR has been particularly hard hit in its personnel budget, and the new talk is about actual land sell offs. We have to be prepared to fight for public land, even if there's no immediate payoff in sight for our sport.

It's not like we've been idle, waiting for Lansing to come through for us. In my reports to IMBA, I've been able to point to steady gains at the county and municipal level. Aspen Park, Bloomer, Addison Oaks, and even the remarkable comeback of the Novi Tree Farm all show that our energy can be diverted, but not contained. But what I once thought was an interim situation, now appears to be the new norm. And that makes sense. I broke down the 2003 CPS venues by land ownership, and it came out this way: State land - 5 events; Federal- 1; Private- 3; County/Municipal- 6. We're making a virtue of necessity, bringing the mountain biking experience closer to home: to our local parklands, where the next generation of mountain bikers can learn to love the sport and the land.

That means that there are literally dozens, maybe even hundreds, of trail systems waiting to be built or refurbished across the state. Unlike with Lansing, our relations with the local authorities have to be built from scratch every time. The routine of meetings, proposals, site visits and review sessions isn't much fun, but it's the path to success. The MMBA is developing a training program for local advocates that will take them through the steps. It builds on our experiences with the IBMA Trail Care Crew, with added emphasis on the early planning stages.

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# News from the Executive Director – Todd Scott

If you haven't heard already, the MMBA State Board has made me Executive Director. I'm now a "paid-staffer" for the MMBA, working on a part-time basis. My new email is [execdir@mmba.org](mailto:execdir@mmba.org). The new MMBA president is Dan Harrison. His email is [president@mmba.org](mailto:president@mmba.org). Robert Hurley and Tom Nell remain as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

## Annual Expo

Thanks to everyone who helped make the annual meeting and expo such a raging success. The Chris Santos trials demo was really top shelf.

## Lobbying in Lansing and Washington D.C.



MMBA Executive Director Todd Scott handing out BRB's at the legislative breakfast at the capital in Lansing.

The MMBA is really making headway in becoming a more politically active organization. This is due in large part to our membership in the Michigan Environmental Council. They continue to promote our non-motorized transportation coalition affectionately known as AMI or the Active Michigan Initiative. Hopefully by the time you read this, we'll have a web site on-line at [www.activemichigan.org](http://www.activemichigan.org).

Starting in March we're meeting with various state legislators to introduce AMI and mission. We're spreading the task among many of our groups, including Rails-to-Trails, the League of Michigan Bicyclists, and the Michigan Horse Council.

I recently attended the National Bike Summit in Washington D.C. and I'm very glad the MMBA was represented. Every Michigan legislative liaison I met with was eager to learn of us, our successes, and our challenges. There were all approachable and willing to assist.

The main focus for most summit attendees was the reauthorization of the transportation bill currently known as TEA-21. TEA-21, like the ISTEA bill before it, contains money for transportation enhancements, a portion of which go towards non-motorized trails. Our funding share is a very small amount of the total, or "budget dust" as they say in Washington-speak. Still, we want to make sure this amount remains in the bill and I strongly believe it will be given its successful history.

There were many highlights over the three days. Drinking an Amstel Light with Greg Lemond was good as was getting one-on-one lobbying tips from John Burke (owns/founded Trek.)

However, the best was walking into my Congressman's office and having one of his staffers welcome me to DC and say he's a longtime MMBA member. The guy has even been at some Pontiac Lake trail days. I want to specially thank Eric von Eckartsberg, a former Grand Rapids resident and current President of MORE, for providing free lodging. See photo on page 5.

## Thank you Team Active!

We recently attended their huge end-of-February blowout event in downtown Battle Creek. Gary Fisher was there along with a thousand attendees. Team Active even had a couple fundraisers to help support the MMBA. Thanks so much for your support!

## New MMBA Bulletin Board

There's a new, snazzy MMBA bulletin board on the web. You can get to it from the main MMBA web page or by typing <http://pacman.vosn.net/~mmba/bb>. We moved all the accounts from the old system so you should be able to log in as before. However, if your previous login included spaces, those spaces were converted to underscores ('\_').

## Spring Thaw

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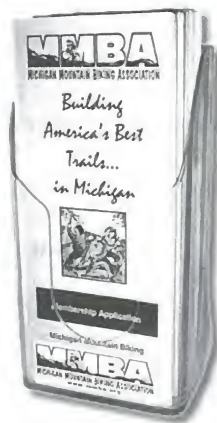
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Of course another option is to ride when everything is frozen solid, typically in the early morning hours, but be watchful of icy spots.

## Attention Dealers!

The MMBA would like to display our member applications in your store. If you have not received a supply from your local chapter, send us an email ([info@mmba.org](mailto:info@mmba.org)) and we'll drop some in the mail.







# Women and Bikes

*(we might surprise you!)*

Hey everybody! We need submissions for the women and bikes page! So if you have stories, photos or anything else for this page by women, about women, or for women send them in.

See the photo guidelines on page 20. Email what you come up with to: [brb@mmba.org](mailto:brb@mmba.org).



## 19th Annual Lakeshore Loop September 5, 6 & 7, 2003

Join us for a weekend of cycling along scenic and rolling routes in Leelanau, Grand Traverse & Benzie counties. Distances include:

- 15 & 30 miles on Friday
- 10-12, 20-30, or 50-70 miles on Saturday & Sunday
- 100 mile choice on Saturday

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- dinner and lodging on Friday
- breakfast, lunch, box lunch, dinner and lodging on Saturday
- breakfast and a box lunch on Sunday

Based at Lake Ann Baptist Camp, Lake Ann, MI, Loopers may stay in one of the heated cabins that sleep 12 or camp on the grounds in their own tents, RVs or trailers.

Minimum pledge amounts are: new Loopers — \$250, husband and wife — \$500 and \$100 for each additional family member, \$325 for all others.

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## "FEATURED SHOP" >>>>>>>>> WE NEED SHOP STORIES!!!!

*Editors note:* I didn't get a featured shop story for this issue. So this is a call out to all members. If you would like to write a feature on your favorite MMBA shop, please do. See past issues for examples on the info to include but the story should have things like how long the shop has been around, what bikes they carry, involvement with the MMBA, involvement in their community along with any other info. Photos are great as well but please follow the photo guidelines on page 20. Email the story in the body of an email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment and email photos as attachments to [brb@mmba.org](mailto:brb@mmba.org).



Team Active had a couple fundraisers to help support the MMBA at their recent event including an auction for this Seven mountain bike.

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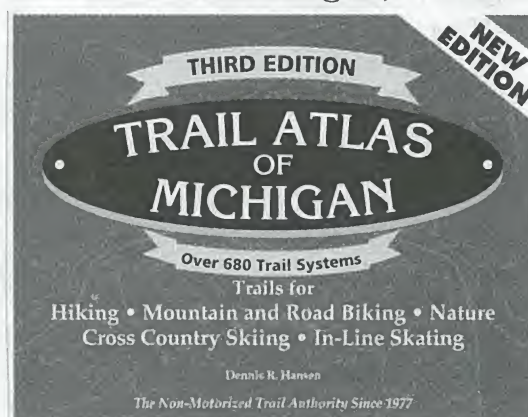
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MMBA Executive Director Todd Scott in front of the capital building during the National Bike Summit in Washington D.C. A future in politics???

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## Riding Burchfield in Lansing!



Left and below, riding and plying like kids out a Burchfield Park in Lansing. If you have not been out there to ride the stunts its time to check it out. Its a lot of fun and makes you feel like a kid again.

photos by Bryan Mitchell [www.mountainbikemichigan.com](http://www.mountainbikemichigan.com)



## Jungle Ride- well not really, just riding in Florida.



BRB editor Bryan Mitchell shot this photo of himself, using the camera's self timer, riding a real cool trail cut out of the thick tropical vegetation in Fort Pierce Florida. Go to <http://www.fortpiercebiketrail.info/> on the web for info on the trail in case you visit the sunshine state. Its kind of like Maybury meets Burchfield in the jungle.



# **Biking Downhill, Maui Style**

In a recent article for Bicycling Magazine, an author wrote of his quest to ride up Mt. Haleakala, a 10,000 foot volcano mountain in Maui, Hawaii. He also disparaged the downhill bike tours that took place from the crater to the sea. Well, we went to Maui for vacation in January and I determined that even though my wife had signed us up for the downhill trip, I too would ride up the volcano. Well, due to a severe case of tendonitis, I had to forgo testing myself with the climb this time. But we did take the downhill trip (Mountainriders.com) and I have to say- it was fun. The tour guide called the ride the couch potatoes bike tour. It doesn't require stamina, but does involve guts. Of our group of seven, three of the women stayed in the support van that followed down the mountain and protected the rear of the tour from aggressive automobiles. In a dozen years, a couple of people have died and there are frequently crashes off the side of the road for riders who do not pay attention.

The trip down the volcano takes about two hours. You mount a 45 lb. Worksman Bicycle (nationalguild.com) wearing a heavy-duty Columbia windbreaker and a moto-cross helmet. Both are necessary. The winds at the top of the mountain are 50-60 mph and cold. The heavy bike barely anchors you to the pavement. (The Worksman bikes have internal drum brakes instead of cantilever calipers style). As soon as you drop down out of the parking lot, the wind is blocked somewhat. What follows is a fun free fall. The next two hours you hit speeds of 30-40 mph, rarely needing to pedal. A line of riders follows the tour guide down the switch backs and hairpin turns of the two-lane road. A turn to the east and you are pushed along by the wind, even uphill. A turn to the west has you are riding into the wind. According to national park rules, we occasionally pull over and allow a build up of cars to pass. There is even one small uphill on the westbound roadway that we are, by law, required to dismount and walk the bikes. The support van passes us and crests the hill and radios the all clear for the riders to ascend the hill. The reason is that this particular place is frequently the site of serious auto accidents due to drivers that, when traveling east on the road are going so fast that when they crest the hill we are walking, their vehicles go airborne! The local police changed the rules for the several bike tour companies to protect their customers. The ride descends rapidly and along the way you pass through the old historic towns of Makawao and Paia. In 38 miles you are on the beach, watching surfers..

Dennis Murphy

## **WORS CUP Stage Race**



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The **MMBA** has adopted the **International Mountain Biking Association's (IMBA)**  
**Rules of the Trail:**

The way we ride today shapes mountain bike trail access tomorrow. Do your part to preserve and enhance our sport's access and image by observing the following rules of the trail, formulated by IMBA, the International Mountain Bicycling Association. These rules are recognized around the world as the standard code of conduct for mountain bikers. IMBA's mission is to promote mountain bicycling that is environmentally sound and socially responsible.

**1. Ride On Open Trails Only.**

Respect trail and road closures (ask if uncertain); avoid trespassing on private land; obtain permits or other authorization as may be required. Federal and state Wilderness areas are closed to cycling. The way you ride will influence trail management decisions and policies.

**2. Leave No Trace.**

Be sensitive to the dirt beneath you. Recognize different types of soils and trail construction; practice low-impact cycling. Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage. When the trailbed is soft, consider other riding options. This also means staying on existing trails and not creating new ones. Don't cut switchbacks. Be sure to pack out at least as much as you pack in.

**3. Control Your Bicycle!**

Inattention for even a second can cause problems. Obey all bicycle speed regulations and recommendations.

**4. Always Yield Trail.**

Let your fellow trail users know you're coming. A friendly greeting or bell is considerate and works well; don't startle others. Show your respect when passing by slowing to a walking pace or even stopping. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots. Yielding means slow down, establish communication, be prepared to stop if necessary and pass safely.

**5. Never Scare Animals.**

All animals are startled by an unannounced approach, a sudden movement, or a loud noise. This can be dangerous for you, others, and the animals. Give animals extra room and time to adjust to you. When passing horses use special care and follow directions from the horseback riders (ask if uncertain). Running cattle and disturbing wildlife is a serious offense. Leave gates as you found them, or as marked.

**6. Plan Ahead.**

Know your equipment, your ability, and the area in which you are riding -- and prepare accordingly. Be self-sufficient at all times, keep your equipment in good repair, and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.

*Keep trails open by setting a good example of environmentally sound and socially responsible off-road cycling*

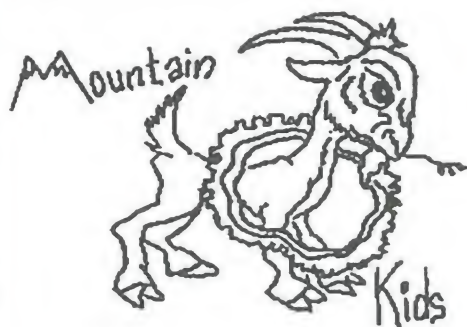
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## MOUNTAIN KIDS CORNER

This spring and summer is going to be a busy season for Mountain Kids. The program has seen incredible growth in the amount of kids that will be serviced by the program. Here are confirmed dates for Mountain Kids Events this spring and summer!

Sarah Manning-Mountain Kids Program Director



Photo by Bryan Mitchell [www.mountainbikemichigan.com](http://www.mountainbikemichigan.com)

An e-mail list will be created for the Mountain Kids program. If you would like to be informed of future Mountain Kids events or to schedule an event please send me an e-mail at:

[mountainkids@mmba.org](mailto:mountainkids@mmba.org)

You will be sent periodic e-mails to keep you abreast of Mountain Kids events.

Thanks for your support.



### Upcoming events for 2003

**Sat, May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Holdridge Lakes, Holly, Michigan  
10a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Holly Area Youth Assistance  
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. - Davisburg Elementary

**June 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>** - 4-H Exploration Days at MSU.  
Wed, June 18-The kids will learn about bike safety, we'll make sure the bikes are in working order and then take a ride around campus. Thurs, June 19<sup>th</sup> all day-The kids will go to Burchfield for a day of riding. Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>-Wrap-up

*More information for this event will be posted on the Bulletin Board*

**Sat, July 12<sup>th</sup>** - Stony Creek Metropark  
10 a.m. -1 p.m.-Children's Home of Detroit Warren Campus

**Sat, July 19<sup>th</sup>** - Island Lake State Rec. Area or Novi Lakeshore Park 10 a.m.-1 p.m.-Alternative Breaks

There are a few other events that have yet to be confirmed. They will be announced on the Bulletin Board and through e-mails.

**The MMBA is creating a committee to study future growth for the Mountain Kids program. We will look at where the program would like to go from here and how to make it happen.**

For more information, or to schedule an event, contact Sarah Manning. [manning@blclinks.net](mailto:manning@blclinks.net)



### NORBA Regional MTB Camps Qualifying Races in Michigan

Due to the lack of JOMTB races as a qualifier for the Regional Development Camps within the Midwest, USA Cycling will now accept your results from the MMBA Championship Point Series

If you are a junior or espoir age racer, and you are within the top 5 places of your category, please have the race promoter contact David Mayer-Oakes, USA Cycling's National Athlete Development Director by e-mail at: [doakes@usacycling.org](mailto:doakes@usacycling.org), and he will get you a camp invitation to a regional development camp.

For more information about the NORBA Midwest Regional Development Camp (Green Bay, WI 06/23-06/27), visit the camp web site at: [www.wisconsinmtb.org/usacjrcamp](http://www.wisconsinmtb.org/usacjrcamp)

### Paul Bunyan Winter Mountain Bike Series:

This year there were four winter cross-country style races which began on January 19 and finished on February 23, 2003. Each race had it's own character derived from the elements Mother Nature saw fit to bestow upon us. The conditions ranged from cement-like frozen dirt clumps at Bloomer Park to single digit racing temperatures and stiff winds at the Lake Orion High School/Bald Mountain race. The third stop in the series was at Orion Oaks Park where we had three inches of ice throughout much of the race course, and then, for the series finale we went back to Bloomer Park where we were greeted by about 10 inches of freshly fallen snow on race morning! Well, no matter what the weather, lots of hearty winter racers came out and had a great time! They came from as far away as Grand Rapids and Holland in western Michigan (Don Lee from Slingshot made it out to all 4 races!), from Findlay, Fostoria, and Waterville in Ohio, and, to round out the International flavor of the Paul Bunyan Series, a racer came from Amherstburg, Ontario in Canada (after all, Paul himself was Canadian, eh, wasn't he?).

Huge THANK YOU'S must go out to the many hearty folks who come out and brave the elements helping to put these events on successfully, and to the Sponsors like Kinetic Systems in Clarkston, and the newly established Rochester Bike Shop in Rochester who support the Series with the really cool (and often warm!) prizes we give away. The bottom line is they all work together really hard so the racers can come out and play together really hard!



### West Side Cyclo-cross

Grand Rapids saw the first cyclo-cross series held here in several years. Rick Plite was the driving force in implementing this series, contacting parks, laying out courses, and building barriers.

Five events were held: Cannonsburg Ski Area was the first location, followed by events at Robinette's Orchard, East Grand Rapid's Manhattan Park, and Grand Rapids City's Riverside Park. The Riverside event was also a Tailwind Cyclo-cross race.

According to Rick, "the series was a huge success." Rick credited many of the volunteers that showed up to register, set up and tear down and score the events. He also credited the sponsors he was able to enlist. Slingshot Bicycles gave a way a fork and frame. Red Bull, Trail's Edge, Founders, VeloCity, Alger Cycle, and Ada Bike Shop all gave away swag and awards as well as providing mechanical support.

Expenses totaled about \$1600 (insurance, porta-johns and materials). The events were kept simple (keep it simple stupid, hence "kiss" cross) and only \$10 was charged per rider for the events. Average turnout was 43 riders per event for combined A and B levels, including riders from the east side of the state.

"I look forward to doing it again next year and would like to add some other venues that would suit our races even more." Rick said





# 2003 MMBA Championship Point Series

## 1 4/13/2003 Yankee Springs Deep Lake Time Trial

Yankee Springs kicks off the season and it's always giant - one of the largest mountain bike time trials in the U.S. The fun festival atmosphere just adds to the excitement of riding one great Michigan trail. *This is an MMBA Western Chapter trail fundraiser.*

Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**

## 2 4/27/2003 Cannonsburg Challenge

The first xc race of the series hits the ski slopes of Cannonsburg Ski Area, just north of Grand Rapids. Note that this ski area is private property and the trails are only open during the race.

Contact: **Fun Promotions, (616)-453-4245**

## 3 5/4/2003 Fort Custer Stampede

This Fort Custer race near Battle Creek visits this classic Michigan trail. The Fort is has many unique and memorable riding sections, making it a favorite destination for mountain bikers of all levels. *This is an MMBA Southwest Chapter trail fundraiser.*

Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**

## 4 5/18/2003 Addison Oaks Spring Classic

In years past, this early season Addison Oaks race was notoriously muddy. Through much hard trail work and new bridges, the MMBA and County Parks have helped make this early race a true gem. Racers will appreciate the modern, clean facilities. The park is located about 9 miles north of Rochester. The start wave times are typically 11am for beg's and 1pm for everyone else.

Contact: **Oakland County Parks, (248) 693-2432.**

## 5 6/1/2003 Hanson Hills Challenge

This trail is a perfect mix of winding singletrack and scenic two-track with steady climbs and long downhills. The Hanson Hills Recreation Area is not too far of I-75 in Grayling, Michigan

Contact: **Fun Promotions, (616)-453-4245**

## 6 6/14/2003 & 6/15/2003 Whiskey Creek Stage Race

The series returns to Whiskey Creek near Ludington for a two-day stage race, which includes time trial, dirt crit, and cross country racing. Only Sunday's race counts in the series. Other non-competitive events are planned for the festival weekend. Expect this event to draw a large gathering of mountain bike folks. Call (616) 898-2030 for camping options.

Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**

## 7 6/29/2003 Bloomer Park

The technical riders and locals flock to the Bloomer Park race in Rochester Hills. Spectators love to watch riders navigate the switchbacks. The course routing is always just a bit different from the last time and always challenging. No on-site camping.

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Photos by Bryan Mitchell [www.mountainbikemichigan.com](http://www.mountainbikemichigan.com)





- 8 7/13/2003 Stony Creek Time Trial**  
This time trial is a mix of fast fire roads and smooth flowing singletrack with a boardwalk and stream crossings thrown in. This race is a good place for first-time racers to get into the sport. No on-site camping.  
Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**
- 9 8/3/2003 Big M Cross Country**  
The Big M XC race is know as a climbers course in beautiful northern Michigan.  
Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**
- 10 8/24/2003 Duane Chambers Memorial Time Trial at Fort Custer**  
This race is the last of the three time trials in the Festina/MMBA series. This is another excellent choice for first-time racers. *This is an MMBA **Southwest Chapter** trail fundraiser.*  
Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**
- 11 9/7/2003 Stony Creek Cross Country**  
The series revisits Stony Creek for a cross-country race! No on-site camping.  
Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**
- 12 9/14/2003 Addison Oaks Fall Classic**  
This fast and open course north of Rochester tends to keep groups racing in packs like a road race. And like road racing, tactics can play a part in this race. Can you stay on the leader's wheel? Can you beat the pack to the techie singletrack and make some time on them? Show up and find out.  
Contact: **Oakland County Parks, (248) 693-2432.**
- 13 9/21/2003 Aspen Park Cross Country**  
The lucky 13th race in the series is located in Gaylord! The **Aspen Park Singletrack** is located in a rolling 100 acre park that winds through stands of pine, hemlock and live beaver colonies. Watch out for fallen trees!  
*Note that the race will be staged at the nearby middle school. To get to the school, follow I-75 exit 282 (the north Gaylord exit) and head east (right) towards town. Go through town. At the very edge of town turn right on Maple Street. Follow around curve, the school is on the right and very easy to spot.*  
Contact: **Tailwind Enterprises, (248) 634-6178.**
- 14 9/28/2003 Pando Challenge**  
This is the **16th** year of racing at Pando! Simply a legendary trail and event. Despite being around so long, the trail is always routed a bit differently every time. Located just north of Grand Rapids.  
Contact: **Fun Promotions, (616)-453-4245**
- 15 10/12/2003 Boyne Challenge**  
Boyne is one of the premier racing venues in the state because it has it all: great trails, climbs, downhill, technical singletrack, scenery, and facilities. This race is also the Fun Promotions State Championships.  
Contact: **Fun Promotions, (616)-453-4245**

Always check with promoter for information, current start times, race applications, pre-register dates and date of events. All dates on public properties are subject to land manager considerations and it is up to the rider to make sure that times and dates are current and correct. You do not have to be an MMBA member to ride in any of the races listed. However an MMBA membership and an annual \$5 tabulated fee are required to be scored in the points series. It is highly recommended that you renew your membership in the MMBA and pay the tabulation fee prior to the first race you want to count in the MMBA/CPS regardless of when your current membership expires.

Inquiries regarding the MMBA Championship Points Series may be directed to the MMBA **CPS Director**.





## Racing News



### MMBA CPS Highlights for the 2003 race season!

#### **Additional Venues and Promoters for 2003!**

The CPS is excited to announce new venues as well as old favorites for the 2003 race schedule. After a two year absence Fun Promotions will be hosting CPS races at Cannonsburg, Pando, Hanson Hills, and Boyne. The CPS series will culminate with the final race being held at Boyne and will be run in conjunction with the Fun Promotions Michigan Mountain Bike State Championship.

#### **New "High Point" Series Added.**

For 2003 the CPS has added a new series based entirely on the number of races entered to reward our hardcore racers that race all season long. Every race in the CPS series, as well as all other MTB races promoted by Fun Promotions, Tailwind, and Thunder Bay Trail Association (Alpena), will be included for points accumulation toward year-end awards to be given out at the MMBA annual meeting held in February.

Each race started during the year will earn one participation point to be used to determine the winner in each of the following categories: Elite Men, Elite Women, Expert Women, Expert Men, Sport Women, Sport Men, Beginner Women, Beginner Men. No distinction will be made across age groups. The more races you attend the better your chances of winning. Ties will be broken by the highest overall CPS points.

#### **Whiskey Creek Stage Race Update**

This year the Whiskey Creek Stage Race will use both days racing to determine CPS points. Racers who compete on both Saturday and Sunday, June 14th and 15th, will have their overall stage placing result computed with their Sunday's XC result to determine CPS points. One half of the placing points received for the stage result will be added to the XC points received. As an example, a Sport racer who finishes 3rd in the stage race and 6th in the XC race would receive a minimum of 58 CPS points, 34 for the XC (plus any additional XC points for Sunday's rider bonus points) plus  $\frac{1}{2} \times 48$  for the stage. Racers competing on Sunday only will still receive the regular XC points.

#### **Rule Changes and Additions**

- No re-starts for CPS points in time trial format races.
- Tie breaker rules for year-end awards have been redefined.
- Move-up rule for Sport Women added

### 2003 age groups

Elite Women  
Elite Men Open  
Elite Men 35+

Expert Women  
Expert Men 19 - Under  
Expert Men 20-29  
Expert Men 30-39  
Expert Men 40-49  
Expert Men 50 & Over

Sport Clydesdale  
Sport Women 19 & Under  
Sport Women 20-29  
Sport Women 30 & Over  
Sport Men 14 & Under  
Sport Men 15-19  
Sport Men 20-29  
Sport Men 30-34  
Sport Men 35-39  
Sport Men 40-44  
Sport Men 45-49  
Sport Men 50 -59  
Sport Men 60 & Over  
Sport Single Speed  
Sport Tandem

Beg. Clydesdale  
Beg. Women 14 & Under  
Beg. Women 15-29  
Beg. Women 30 & Over  
Beg. 10 & Under  
Beg. Men 11-14  
Beg. Men 15-19  
Beg. Men 20-29  
Beg. Men 30-34  
Beg. Men 35-39  
Beg. Men 40-49  
Beg. Men 50 & Over



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## MMBA Championship Point Series Rules

1. You must be an MMBA member and pay the \$5.00 tabulation fee **BEFORE** you will earn points in the Championship Point Series (CPS). **You will only earn points from the date you pay the tabulation fee.** First-year MMBA members should pay the race tabulation fee with their membership fee. All renewing members can pay the \$5.00 tabulation fee at the beginning of the race year, either at the Annual Membership meeting, or at the first race you want tabulated.
2. Racers are responsible for entering in the correct age group and category. Your racing age is your age as of 12/31 of the current race year.
3. Racers must designate the race class in which they wish to compete.
  - **BEGINNER** - Racers with little or no experience in mountain bike racing. Most beginner racers will race in this class for their first year.
  - **SPORT** - Racers with one or more years experience in mountain bike racing, road racers with significant cycling experience, those who have the skills and experience to race as a Sport rider.
  - **EXPERT** - Racers with significant race experience and fitness to race at a more competitive level than Sport.
  - **ELITE** - Top 5% of all racers. Your skill level and fitness should be such that you do not pose a hazard or impediment to other racers in this class. Racers may advance to a higher class during the race season by making a written request to the Competition Committee by mail, at the MMBA tent at a race event, or via e-mail to the CPS Director. After Competition Committee approval, current points earned will be carried up to the new class. You cannot accumulate points in two classes in the same year, the exceptions being the Single Speed & Tandem classes. **YOU MAY NOT MOVE TO A LOWER CLASS AND EARN POINTS WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE.**
- Disputes regarding timing and scoring of an event must be resolved between the racer and promoter. It is the promoters' responsibility to communicate to the MMBA any changes in their submitted scoring as a result of a racer dispute. Racers are expected to check the Point Series standings periodically throughout the race season for accuracy and to make any errors known to the CPS Director as soon as they are identified. Points will not be changed for a race later than four weeks after the results are posted.
- Racers earn points according to how they finish in an event:

PLACE	BEGINNER	SPORT	EXPERT	ELITE
1	30	60	120	240
2	27	54	108	216
3	24	48	96	192
4	21	42	84	168
5	19	38	76	152
6	17	34	68	136
7	15	30	60	120
8	13	26	52	104
9	12	24	48	96
10	11	22	44	88
11	10	20	40	80
12	9	18	36	72
13	8	16	32	64
14	7	14	28	56
15	6	12	24	48
16	5	10	20	40
17	4	8	16	32
18	3	6	12	24
19	2	4	8	16
20	1	2	4	8



- The top 20 racers will also receive a bonus point for every racer that he/she finished in front of with a maximum 20 bonus points per race
- The best finishes in 1/2 of the total number of races (rounding down for a .5) plus 1 will be counted at the end of the year. (For example: A year with 11 races;  $11/2=5.5$ , round down to 5,  $5+1=6$ . The six best finishes would be counted at the end of the year. A year with 12 races;  $12/2=6$ ,  $6+1=7$ . The seven best finishes are counted.)
- Racers must participate in a minimum of five races to receive an award.
- The top three Point Series finishers in the following classes must move up to the next class: All Beginners to Sport with the exception of the 19 and under age groups.  
Sport Men and Women of ages 20-39 move to Expert. Single Speed, Clydesdale, and all other Sport age classes do not have to move up.  
Requests for exceptions to the 'Move-up' rules must be submitted in writing to the CPS Director 30 days prior to the first Point Series race tabulated for that individual. Requests will be reviewed and answered by the Competition Committee within 30 days of the request.
- Year-end ties will be broken in order as follows: a. Winner of the most races in head-to-head competition. b. Rider with most bonus points received for their "best of x" races used for final scoring. c. In the event the first two tiebreakers fail to establish a winner the racers will remain tied.
- Final tabulations of the CPS points will be made available to all racers who have signed up for the CPS and paid the \$5 tabulation fee. Any disputes regarding the final tabulation must be submitted to the CPS Director by November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Awards to the top three finishers in each class will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting held on the first Sunday in February.

#### 4. General Racing Rules

*Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse. All racers are expected to understand and comply with these rules. Questions on the rules should be directed to the CPS Director.*

- Wearing of a helmet is mandatory while warming-up for, racing in, or riding at any MMBA sanctioned event.
- Racers competing in a race that is conducted in a time trial format may not re-start the race and earn CPS points.
- Bicycles shall be in good repair with both front and back brakes in good working order.
- Racers may change any bicycle components during the race except the frame. They may accept assistance ONLY from other racers actively competing during the same event.
- Food and water can be taken from anyone, anywhere on the course.
- Racers taking food or water must not impede the progress of other racers.
- Racers riding bicycles have the right of way over racers pushing bicycles. When practical, racers pushing should yield the most rideable portion of the trail when being passed.
- A racer pushing or carrying his or her bicycle can overtake a racer riding his bicycle provided that it does not interfere with the riding racer.
- Riders should vocally alert those they are passing using announcements like "PASSING on your LEFT (RIGHT)!" or "TRACK LEFT (RIGHT)!" It is the responsibility of the **passing rider** to overtake safely. Riders should not shorten the course to pass another racer. Riders being **lapped** must yield at the first reasonable opportunity
- When two riders are vying for position, the leading rider does not necessarily have to yield position to the challenging rider. However, a rider may not block the challenging rider's progress; this is considered to be highly unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Racers must yield to emergency medical personnel.
- Shortcutting the course by any racer may result in a disqualification.
- Use of profane or abusive language or other unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. All instances of unsportsmanlike behavior can be reported to the CPS Director for disciplinary consideration.
- Violation of any of the above rules may result in disciplinary action by the CPS committee including, but not limited to, the loss of CPS points or removal from the points series.

The CPS committee has the final say in all point series rulings.

**See the new age groups for 2003 on page 13**





## Robin Scurr BENCHMARK 2002 State Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to **Robin Scurr** the 2002 winner of the State Volunteer of the Year, Robert Hurley gave the following speech at the Annual meeting:

*"Before I introduce this Years State Volunteer of the Year I would like to thank the BENCHMARK in Farmington Hills for donating this years award, a very cool blue ARC'TERYX Theta LT Jacket.*

*This year's winner has played a very important role in our association for over 10 years, as our Membership Director. A role that he has logged countless hours in mundane tasks like data entry and analysis, sending and receiving tons of mail and the many other jobs that are required to manage a non-profits' membership. He has also been an invaluable source of reason and creativity as a member of our board for years. Please help me recognize Robin Scurr as our 2002 Benchmark State Volunteer of the Year."*

Robin was presented with a light blue ARC'TREYX jacket with his name embroidered on the arm and the BENCHMARK logo embroidered on the back. Additionally he was awarded with a glass plaque etched with the Ed Berta FAFL logo.

### Ed Berta First Across the Finish Line Results for 2002

Chapter	Volunteers with	Total Hours	Chapter Volunteer of the Year
Western	21	549	Rick Plite
Pontiac Lake	43	1861	Shari Scurr
Mid-State	18	408	Brian Zakrzewski
Northeast	11	298	Ken Eddy
Southeast	38	1088	Mike Flack
Southwest	16	876	Gordon Allen
Holly/Flint	29	629	Tony & Pam Klien
Northern	19	1534	Harold Ward
Potawatomi	19	407	David Welsh
Totals=>		7650	State Volunteer of the Year: Robin Scurr

All volunteers with 10 hours or more received a blue equipment bag with the program logo. The Chapter's Volunteer of the Year received a glass plaque with the program logo etched on. Total hours logged for 2002 an impressive 7650. Thanks to all the volunteers who made Michigan trails open, safe and fun. Mountain Bike Patrol was also

## Help Rebuild the Farm at Maybury.

As many of you know the Maybury State Park Petting Farm in Northville Township was destroyed by a fire that burned the barn to the ground and killed nearly 50 animals.

The Northville Community foundation has created the 'Maybury Farm' endowment and you can play a key role in restoring a place that has been loved by all. Brochures explaining the endowment and how you can contribute are available by calling the Foundation office at 248-374-0200. They will mail the brochure out to you upon your request. You can also visit the City or Township offices for a brochure. Local banks may also be supplied.

Or simply send donations to:  
 Northville Community Foundation  
 321 N. Center  
 Suite 130  
 Northville, Michigan 48167



# Chapter Chatter

## Pontiac Lake Chapter News

Pontiac Lake Chapter hosted the annual MMBA meeting, as in years past. We would like to thank our volunteers, sponsors and speakers for helping to make this year's event a success. As usual, special thanks to the Springfield Oaks County Parks for letting us use their excellent facility. Thank you all.

If you volunteered more than 10 hours at Pontiac Lake last summer and did not receive your First Across the Finish Line Award, contact me at [pontiaclake@mmba.org](mailto:pontiaclake@mmba.org) to make arrangements to pick it up any time or at a trail day this summer.

This year, same as last, we will be working to finish the new mountain bike trail at last. As with last year, we will impose on MMBA volunteers to achieve this worthy and monumental task. Please join us. We will announce trail days shortly. Visit the MMBA web page calendar for updated information.

For those of us who are not aware of the havoc caused by riding the trail during the spring freeze/thaw cycle, please do NOT ride the trail when the top layer is melted. This condition usually occurs during the month of March and anytime the top layer of soil thaws during the day and refreezes during the night hours. Check the MMBA bulletin board on the web page for signs of safe riding. It is also usually ok to ride early in the morning when the trail is still frozen. But areas exposed to sunlight will thaw while shaded areas remain frozen. If you encounter these conditions, please leave the trail. We want to keep the new trail in the best possible condition for years to come so we can minimize trail maintenance. Our goal for the new trail is to ride it not work on repairs and reroutes that can be avoided. Thank you for your consideration. Happy Spring Everybody!

Jody DeLavern President, Pontiac Lake Chapter

## Southeast Chapter News

### **Trail Work Days**

All our trail days start at 10 AM. Additional days for Novi, Bald Mountain, Highland, and the other trails will be announced on the MMBA bulletin board. For further information, email [southeast@mmba.org](mailto:southeast@mmba.org):

April 5<sup>th</sup> -Stony Creek -- Meet at West Branch, parking lot F

April 12<sup>th</sup> -Maybury -- Meet at the horse stables off of Beck Road.

April 19<sup>th</sup> -Island Lake -- Meet at the mountain bike trail head parking lot.

June 7<sup>th</sup> -Bald Mountain -- Meet at the ranger station on Greenshield Road, east of Lapeer Road (M-24), contact:

Steve Kinley, [skinl19@comcast.net](mailto:skinl19@comcast.net).

## **Summer Solstice Ride**

June 17th is our annual Summer Solstice Ride at Maybury State Park. We'll meet in the parking lots off of Eight Mile Road at 8:30 PM. Everyone is welcomed, especially those with rollicking attitudes. This is not a race, so don't fear if you can't push the gear. Start charging your light batteries now.

## Mid-State Chapter News

New Women's Riding Group in the Lansing Area

If you're looking for some women to ride or train with and live in the Lansing area, there is a new women's biking group. We just had our first meeting and there was a good mix of skills and interests. A number of the women are mid-state members. We hope to have a mtb skills clinic this summer for mid-state area women as well. For more info contact Anne at [grofvert@paceandpartners.com](mailto:grofvert@paceandpartners.com)

## Western Chapter News

Thanks to everyone who made it out to the trail maintenance days and to our chapter meetings last year. Congratulations to our chapter volunteer of the year, Rick Plite. Rick was instrumental in putting together the KISS-Cross series -- West Michigan's only cyclo cross series - as well as helping out the chapter in countless other ways. We'd also like to thank all of our sponsors -- their continued support allows us to help keep the trails of West Michigan accessible to everyone.

**Yankee Springs:** The western chapter is having a trail workday at Yankee Springs on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Volunteers are to meet at the park entrance trailhead. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the annual Yankee Springs Time Trial on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to volunteer please contact John Haffenden at (616) 897 - 2752 or by email at [johnhaff@hotmail.com](mailto:johnhaff@hotmail.com).

Yankee Springs also kicks off the race season and it's always giant - one of the largest mountain bike time trials in the U.S. The fun festival atmosphere just adds to the excitement of riding one great Michigan trail. *This is an MMBA Western Chapter trail fundraiser.* The time trial will also be a great opportunity for everyone to check out the cool western chapter t-shirts designed by our own long time chapter member Dan Clark.

Our other trail maintenance dates are listed below. Continue checking the MMBA event calendar for other upcoming dates:

March 30<sup>th</sup> -Yankee Springs at 10AM

May 4<sup>th</sup> -Bass River at 10AM

May 3<sup>rd</sup> -Cannonsburg State Game Area at 10AM

May 17<sup>th</sup> -Yankee Springs at 10AM

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> -Cannonsburg State Game Area at 10AM



The Western Chapter meets every other month beginning at 6:30pm at the Leonard Street Brann's in Grand Rapids. Check the MMBA event calendar for meeting dates. Everyone interested in getting involved or just looking to share a meal with other riders are encouraged to attend.

### **Northeast Chapter News**

#### **A Tale of Two Trails: Riding Opportunities Growing Fast in NE Region**

The Northeast Chapter has added its second trail in as many years, and this one is out of the flatlands of the Saginaw Valley! Last year we built an 8-mile singletrack in the Midland City Forest. It's now nicely broken in and gets lots of regular riders from the tri-city area. We have missed the major snows this winter, so the trail has been rideable most days, especially if you have studded tires for the ice. Unfortunately, mud season is just about here, and if there is mud anywhere, the Saginaw valley trails, Midland City Forest and Pine Haven, will have it in spades. Please be judicious in your mud season riding.

The best news is that the new trail is over big hills on high ground. When the rain stops, it's ready to ride. It's near the town of Meredith--find it on your map between Gladwin and Houghton Lake. Ken Eddy, our region's volunteer of the year, has spent the winter continuing to layout and clear the trail. So far there are about 13 miles of trail, with at least 2 more miles to come. Preliminary numbers on the GPS say that there is over 2500 feet of climbing in a loop of this trail—my contacts say you can get this data in a more organic form from screaming thighs and burning lungs. The trail traverses a beautiful piece of land that was donated to the State for use by upland hunting dog trial enthusiasts more than 50 years ago. Getting permission to share this gift with the dog folks was a real coup for mountain bikers and demonstrates what committed MMBA members working together can accomplish. When you go, if you run into anybody with a bird dog, show your gratitude and respect to them. Things to look for in the spring: trail signs, possibly a designated parking area, and detailed trail map on the MMBA website. To get there, take M-18 north from Gladwin about 5 miles, the first road after M-18 turns west is Round Lake Rd, turn right (north again), go another 5+ miles and turn left onto Curlew. Curlew goes from gravel to 2-track, go another ¼ mile after that and park in the first open space. Contact Ken Eddy at [keddy@voyager.net](mailto:keddy@voyager.net) for more details and volunteer opportunities.

There is action at Pine Haven too. Many of you know that there are "outlaw" trails connecting from the back of Pine Haven, under US Route 10, and into the state land to the north. The entire system is over 50 miles of tight and technical, including the Stubway and Burns Road trail systems. Nick Long and NE Chapter representatives have met with DNR and DOT personnel and are working on the details, but it looks like these trails are here to stay and will

only get better when they are sanctioned.

### **Poto Chapter News**

Be sure to check out the new and improved Poto Chapter Page on the [mmba.org](http://mmba.org) website. In addition to our Calendar and contact list, we've got pictures from around the country, including Burchfield, Upper Peninsula, East coast, and out West. Be sure to check out Mark Nigro's Connecticut pictures. Very cool.

Event-wise, our first meeting of the year is Wednesday March 26 at the Arbor Brewing Company in Ann Arbor. We usually get around 20-30 folks, so you are guaranteed to meet a variety of people. Head on out!

Our well-attended Thursday Night Rides get underway April 17, 6:30. We ride the Poto every Thursday, except the last Thursday of the month when we head up to Brighton. Of course, we cook out every week, so bring your grillables. Freeloaders are welcome (at least the first time!), so don't shy away just because you are foodless. Last year, the Thursday night group became much more diverse with people riding distances from 8 to 18 miles. Also, the quality of the post-ride food has gone up quite a bit. Could this be related? Hmmm...

Congrats to our buddy, David Welsh, for winning the chapters volunteer of the year! David has come on strong as our Poto



Poto Chapter members at Brighton during the last warm ride of 2002."

maintenance leader. For you Poto faithful, you will appreciate that we try to keep this classic trail as close to the original as possible with all of the maintenances we have done recently.

The Poto Chapter would like to welcome Scott Harrington as the new Park Manager at Brighton. I believe that Scott will help us make some general trail improvements and will go out of his way to make sure Brighton continues to develop into a great biking and multi-sport destination.

Hope to see lots of folks on Thursdays!





# MEMBER SHOPS

MICHIGAN MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION

The stores and services listed below are MMBA Members as of October 2001.  
Those listed in bold text give 10% discounts to MMBA members!  
It wouldn't hurt to thank them all the next time you're in their shop.

## Allen Park

Roll Models  
(313) 382-1990

## Birmingham

Bike USA, Inc.  
(248) 594-8850

## Brighton

K2 Bike  
(810) 632-6325  
www.k2bike.com

## Dexter

Dexter Bike and Sport  
734-426-5900  
www.dexterbikeandsport.com

## East Lansing

Denny's Cycle Sports  
(517) 351-2000

## Flint

Assenmacher's Hill Road Cycling  
(810) 232-2994  
www.assenmachers.com

## Gaylord

Latitude 45 Cycle & Sport  
(989) 731-4540  
www.lat45sport.com

## Holland

Velo City Cycles  
616-355-2000

## Jackson

On 2 Wheels, Inc.  
517-789-6077

## Jenison

Village Bike Shop Ltd.  
(616) 457-1670

## Lake Orion

Paint Creek Bicycles  
248-693-9620

## Lansing

Eric's Cycling & Fitness Center  
517-882-7003

## Okemos

Central Park Bicycles  
(517) 349-8880

## Owosso

House of Wheels, Inc.  
(989) 725-8373

## Oxford

Main Street Bicycles  
(248) 236-9100

## Pontiac

Scarlett's Bike & Fitness  
(248) 333-7843  
www.scarlettsbikeandfitness.com

## Port Huron

The Bicycle & Fitness Barn  
(810) 987-2523

## Portage

Breakaway Bicycles  
(616) 324-5555

## Shelby Township

Main Street Bicycles  
(586) 677-7755

## Southfield

Steve's Specialty Sports  
(248) 642-6676

## Traverse City

Brick Wheels  
(616) 947-4274  
www.brickwheels.com

City Bike Shop Inc.  
(231) 947-1312

## Warren

Macomb Bike & Fitness  
(810) 756-5400

## Zeeland

Zeeland Schwinn Cycling & Fitness  
(616) 722-6223



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So is the final frontier right here in our own back yards? By no means. Once you've conquered your local parks, you get a hankering for the Big Time. And I'm not just talking Moab, Fruita, or the next Mecca-of-the-month. I'm talking Epic riding right here in Michigan. The High Country Pathway, the bike-legal sections of the North Country Trail, and the vast possibilities of the Upper Peninsula all have world class written all over them. Responsible stewardship means we'll be riding these trails for years to come.

There has been an encouraging development recently at the federal level. The draft of the Huron-Manistee National Forests Plan Revision points to a bike policy of open unless posted closed. That will throw open many miles of trails, overgrown two-track, and scenic logging roads in the Lower Peninsula. With focused input from the cycling community, the UP's Chippewa and Ottawa National Forests could go the same way. Finding the diamonds in the rough could take years of exploring and ah, field testing. You comin'?





## Below are additional MMBA corporate sponsors.

### Associations

Assenmachers Hill Road Cycling  
Flint, MI  
(810)232-2994  
[www.assenmachers.com](http://www.assenmachers.com)

Thunder Bay Trail Association  
Ossineke, MI (517) 727-3702

### Companies

Keweenaw Adventure Co, LLC  
Copper Harbor, MI  
906-289-4303  
[www.keweenawadventure.com](http://www.keweenawadventure.com)

Hermann Construction, Inc.  
Milford, MI  
(248) 685-2137

T&Z Blueberry Farm  
Grand Haven, MI (616) 842-3747

Trail Atlas of Michigan  
Hansen Publishing Company  
Okemos, MI (517) 349-4683  
[www.michiweb.com/trailatlas](http://www.michiweb.com/trailatlas)

Trails-Edge.com  
Northville, MI (248) 735-0119  
[www.trails-edge.com](http://www.trails-edge.com)

ZZ Underwater World  
Lansing, MI (517) 485-3894  
[www.zzunderwaterworld.com](http://www.zzunderwaterworld.com)

### Manufacturers

Armadillo Reflex Sports  
Berkley, MI (248) 547-0490  
[www.goarmadillo.com](http://www.goarmadillo.com)

Eye on the Earth  
Belmont, MI (616) 784-9327

### Race Promoters

Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival  
Cable, WI (715) 798-3594  
[www.cheqfattire.com](http://www.cheqfattire.com)

Oakland County Parks & Rec  
(248) 858-0916  
[www.co.oakland.mi.us](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us)

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**MMBA gets some press!** As many of you know, Dirt Rag Magazine traveled to Michigan for our Annual Expo earlier this month. They've written a story about their experience at the Expo and trip to our fine state. It's on-line at -- <http://www.dirtragemag.com/articles/article.php?ID=443>

## Promote your web page!

We've added world wide web pages to the member bike shop list - if your company's web site is not listed, drop a line to [membership@mmba.org](mailto:membership@mmba.org) and we'll include it .



## Contribute!

Want to get published in the BRB? The BRB welcomes submissions and artwork from MMBA members. This is your newsletters so send stuff! Email your story ideas, stories and photos to [brb@mmba.org](mailto:brb@mmba.org). If you can't email items or have questions call Bryan Mitchell at 248-349-1937. Keep the stories short and about Michigan or Michigan Riders. Email copy in the body of the email with no formatting or better yet in a Microsoft Word document, again with no formatting.

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